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DEFENSE FOR ASD/ISA MCGIFFERT; ASD/PA ROSS: CSAF;
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SUBJECT: RAF GREENHAM COMMON

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1. PERRY, HEAD OF DS-8, ACTING FOR NELSON (DUS/AIR)
RESPONDED VERY FAVORABLY TO DECISION THAT USAF HAD
CONCLUDED RAF FAIRFORD WOULD BE AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNA-
TIVE TO GREENHAM COMMON. HE STRESSED TO POL-MIL

ATTACHE THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THE GOVERNMENT NOW
ATTACHES(FOR POLITICAL AS WELL AS OPERATIONAL/BUREAU-
CRATIC REASONS) TO KEEPING THE IDENTITY OF RAF FAIRFORD
AS THE AGREED ALTERNATIVE TO GREENHAM COMMON "ABSOLUTELY
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CERNED MPS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THEN MAKES AN
ANNOUNCEMENT IN PARLIAMENT.

2. WELLBELOVED WILL CHAIR A MEETING ON FAIRFORD ON
31 MAY. THAT MEETING WILL DECIDE THE SPECIFICS OF THE
ANNOUNCEMENT STRATEGY AND THE DATE. MOD WILL INVITE
EMBASSY REPRESENTATION.

3. PERRY SAID MULLEY HAS ENDORSED ACCEPTANCE OF RAF FAIRFORD BUT MINISTERS ARE MOST CONCERNED THAT OUR DESIRE TO USE THE USAF REDHORSE SQUADRON FOR FACILITIES UPGRADE IS NOT "AN OVERRIDING" CONSIDERATION. ON REDHORSE, PERRY SAID IT IS TOO EARLY TO GIVE A CONSIDERED VIEW BECAUSE OFFICIALS HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO CONSULT THE TRADE UNIONS. MOD GETS OUR MESSAGE VIS-A-VIS REDHORSE AND IS SYMPATHETIC. HOWEVER, HE HINTED THAT THE TRADE UNIONS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT MAY DIG THEIR HEELS IN AGAINST THE PROPOSAL AND THAT HENCE IT IS AN ISSUE WHICH WILL REQUIRE DEFT HANDLING.

4. PERRY SAID THAT WHILE MOD WILL BE OBLIGED TO PAY MORE THAN LIP SERVICE TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS IN LIGHT OF THE GREENHAM COMMON EXPERIENCE, MOD IS CONFIDENT THAT CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITIES ON DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS (IN ACCORDANCE WITH DOE CIRCULAR 7/77) WILL GO SMOOTHLY. IT IS MOD'S OPINION THAT THE OPPONENTS TO KC-135 USE OF FAIRFORD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THEIR CASE "STICK" IF THEY FORCE A PUBLIC INQUIRY. THEY HAVE NO OVERRIDING CASE, HE SAID.

5. TURNING TO THE PROPOSED VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY
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TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE,
MCNAIR-WILSON HAS INFORMED MOD THAT THE TRIP IS NOW
DEFINITELY OFF. STREATOR

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